(Rs. in crore)

Year	Amount Released	Expenditure Reported
2000-01	7.61	7.94
2001-02	12.17	13.99
2002-03	17.48	15.64

(c) The representative of all the States including Arunachal Pradesh are emphasized upon to ensure utilizaiton of maximum funds allocated, during meetings National and Rabi/Kharif Conferences. Area Officers have also been appointed to monitor the progress of targets set for the States.

Assistance of Kerala for weils disease of coconut trees

2103. SHRI N.K. PREMA CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance released to Kerala during the last year for the prevention of weils disease affecting coconut trees;

(b) whether Kerala Government utilised the fund allotted for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details of amount utilised and left un-utilised by the State Government;

(d) whether Government have discontinued the assistance due to the non-utilisation of fund; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Coconut Development Board released an amount of Rs. 681.85 lakhs during the year 2002-03 to Government of Kerala for adoption of package of

technologies recommended for the management of root wilt disease of coconut, under the programme of Integrated Development of Coconut Industry in India and Technology Mission on Coconut. The State Government has utilized Rs. 480.86 lakhs during the year 2002-03 and an amount of Rs. 200.99 lakhs remained unspent balance during the year.

(d) and (e) The unspent balance has been revalidated for utilizing during the year 2003-04. Also an amount of Rs. 939.83 lakhs has been sanctioned for implementing various coconut development programmes in Kerala, including management of root wilt disease of coconut during 2003-04.

Shortage of fodder

2104. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of fodder in the country owing to recurrent drought condition, with details of cattle lost directly on account of drought and resultant loss of agricultural produce in each State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to replenish the fooder stock in each State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There is an overall shortage of fodder in the ocuntry that aggravates during drought, flood etc. No report on cattle lost in the wake of drought has been recieved form the States. The total food grains production is 196.81 million tonnes, 212.02 million tonnes and 182.57 (estimated) million tones during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively.

(b) Under the scheme—"Assistance to States for Fodder Development". The following amount has been released to the States during last three years.